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IN A RARE EDITORIAL COMMENTARY SEPTEMBER 17, INDEPENDENT DAILY LE NOUVELLISTE COMPARED THE TRADITIONAL FALL RENEWAL OF CULTURAL ECONOMIC AND ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES TO THE POLITICAL RENEWAL PRODUCED BY PRESIDENTIALLY DIRECTED REFORMS. THE PRESIDENT, SAID LE NOUVELLISTE, "GIVING A GOOD LESSON OF DYNAMISM IN ACTION, HAS UPSET THE TRADITION (BY BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER RATHER THAN OCTOBER) BY GIVING NEW IMPETUS TO GOVERNMENTAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MACHINERY."

THE PAPER ADDED THAT "IN AFFAIRS OF STATE, AND TO KEEP THINGS RUNNING WELL, THERE CAN BE NO INTERMEDIARY," REFERRING SPECIFICALLY TO THE CHIEF OF STATE'S RECENT INSPECTION TRIPS TO THE NORTH, THE CENTRAL REGION AND TO NUMEROUS GOVERNMENT INSTALLATIONS IN THE CAPITAL. THE REMOVAL OF REGIE DU TABAC HEAD HENRI SICLAIT, THE INVESTIGATION OF HIS ACTIVITIES AND THE SEIZURE OF HIS PROPERTY, SAID LE NOUVELLISTE, "IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT DECISIONS THE CHIEF OF STATE HAS MADE AT THE END OF THIS VACATION SEASON."
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